



MINUTES

PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, January 17, 2006
6:00 p.m.
Memorial Park Senior Center
1800 Byron Street

Members Present

Eileen Karlsruher, Chairman
Mitchel Doblado, Vice Chairman
Alma Wilson
Alice Davis
Daniel Delahaye
Matthew Carroll
Walt Phillips
Jose L. Gutierrez
Carl Pataky
Mary Lyerly
Olga Holguin
Gail Caldwell
Cherilyn Dorsey
Kelly Duke

Members Absent

Robert Gonzales
Yolanda Cordova

Staff Present

Dr. Norman C. Merrifield
Barry Russell
Lucy Martinez
Joe Rodriguez
Pete Dunavant
Karen Fuller

Others Present:

Jim Carrillo, Half Assoc.
William Beckner, CEHP,
Inc.

1. **Meeting called to order** by Chairman, Eileen Karlsruher at 6:03 p.m.
2. **Motion to approve minutes of December 6, 2005; Motion made by Mitchel Doblado; seconded by Carl Pataky; motion passed unanimously.**
3. **Request from Representative Presi Ortega, District 5 to re-name the Eastwood Community Center “The Gary Del Palacio Recreation Center.”** District 5 Representative, Presi Ortega handed out signatures and discussed the background and resume of Gary Del Palacio. Also, speaking in behalf of Gary Del Palacio was Hank Hernandez, CEO for Las Palmas Hospital. Eileen Karlsruher, Chairperson for the Park’s Advisory Board reminded the Board of the current Park Naming Policy from 2000 and stated the names of the current Park Naming Sub Committee that include Kelly Duke, Olga Holguin, Daniel Delahaye and adding new members to replace the ones whose term has expired are Walt Phillips, Alma Wilson and Jose Gutierrez. Back in April there was a Park Naming Moratorium on Park Naming for a period of 120 days and this is the first item to come up so technically the Moratorium has expired. This committee does not meet on a regular basis only when there is an issue. As per Eileen Karlsruher, there is a process where it goes to the Park Naming Sub Committee and then to the Board in which the Board tenders a recommendation to City Council and City Council does the final decision.
Motion made by Walt Phillips to approve as an exception to Policy and Procedure for Park Naming that the Board approve the Re-naming of Eastwood Community Center to “The Gary Del Palacio Recreation Center”; motion seconded by Mitchel Doblado. Board Chairman, Eileen Karlsruher asked for a poll, motion passed 10 for, 3 against.

4. **Presentation and Discussion on Park's Master Plan by Jim Carrillo, Vice President and Director of Planning for Halff Associates:** Mr. Carrillo, gave a power point presentation on the Park's Master Plan which included El Paso's Park System today, future Park System needs, implementation strategy, funding and citizen input done by surveys and area public meetings.
5. **Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.**